Setting up of oil refineries

576. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up three more oil refineries in the country ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the location and estimated production capacity of each ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) The Government have decided to set up a new grass root refinery each at Karnal, Mangalore and in Assam with initial capacity of 6 MTPA, 3 MTPA and 2 MTPA respectively.

Setting up of gas-based power station in Andhra Pradesh

577. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to set up gas-based power stations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, where these are to be located and what will be their capacities; and

(c) whether these power stations would be under public sector or joint sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) Approval has been accorded in May, 1989 to a proposal of the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) for the setting up of a 3x33 MW gas turbine power plant at Vijjeswaram. As per the APSEB, this project will be established as a captive generating plant by the A.P. Gas Power Corporation Limited, a company floated by the APSEB in association with some of the industries located in the State. There is also a proposal to set up a gas based power project of about 400 MW/800 MW capacity (depending upon the availability of gas) under Stage-I at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh by the National Thermal Power Corporation in the Central Sector.

Production of petrol from natural gas

578. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists from Madras have claimed to have discovered a new method of converting natural gas, LPG and refinery waste gas into petrol ; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take up a scheme for production of petrol from natural gas on an industrial scale ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) A report to this effect has been published in a newspaper. However, no details are available.

(b) It is proposed to set up a pilot plant at BPCL Refinery, Bombay jointly by National Chemical Laboratory, BPCL and Davy Power gas India Pvt. Ltd. for the conversion of natural gas into kerosene and diesel.